

CARRANZA TROOPS AT PARRAL FIRE ON U. S. FORCES; MANY KILLED

EXTRA

WASHINGTON, APRIL 13.—CARRANZA'S AMBASSADOR LATE THIS AFTERNOON TRANSMITTED A COMMUNICATION TO SECRETARY LANSING SAYING MANY WERE KILLED ON BOTH SIDES IN THE CLASH BETWEEN AMERICAN TROOPS AND MEXICAN CITIZENS AT PARRAL. IT IS CLAIMED CARRANZISTA TROOPS RESTORED CALM.

San Antonio, April 13.—Carranzista soldiers and Mexican citizens at Parral fired on the American troops there, Consul Letcher has reported, giving as authority General Gutierrez. There were no casualties.

Annoying Attitude Taken.
Gutierrez has adopted a complaining attitude, Letcher reported. He said he had no idea the Americans were so far south and expressed surprise at their marching powers.

New Version Placed.
This is interpreted as meaning that Carranza hadn't intended to permit Americans to progress so far into the interior. One hundred and forty men, believed to be a part of Thompson's command, comprised the force at Parral.

Firing Is Ignored.
The force kept on marching, little heeding the firing.

General Funston said today he would not consider the American expedition a success until Villa was captured, or killed. He flatly denounced Carranza's failure to cooperate with Americans and pointed out that Constitutionalists have twice permitted Villa to slip through the lines.

Withdrawal Note Not Demanded.
Washington, April 13.—Carranza's note suggesting the time has come for American troops to leave Mexico, has not been given to Secretary of State Lansing.

The embassy declared note is not an ultimatum, or demand that Americans withdraw; rather a request, asking negotiations looking toward withdrawal and giving Constitutionalists free hand to continue the chase.

Agular's note was delivered to Arredondo at three this morning and is still being translated. Arredondo has refused to discuss the communication.

Carranza now considers the object of the expedition accomplished and the message, it is believed, refuses to complete a second agreement for further operations. He reminds the administration the expedition hasn't a legal standing now.

Dissemination of Mexico is asked on the grounds Villa's band is dispersed and Carranzistas believe themselves able to complete the last extermination.

Officials frankly admitted possibility of a misunderstanding has existed in negotiations with Carranza and agreed it was a most serious situation. Some thought the note is intended for "home consumption" in Mexico.

At a 30-minute conference with Secretary Lansing, Arredondo presented Carranza's suggestion for withdrawal of American troops from Mexico. Afterwards the ambassador was reticent. An optimistic view is lent the situation by the suggestion of negotiations regarding withdrawal which might occupy weeks. Meanwhile Americans may capture Villa.

FIREMAN ROBBS HURT.

Struck on Head by Piece of Coal—Wounds Require Sewing.

Pleasant Valley, April 12.—Engineer Thornburg and Fireman Robbs were ordered to Durkee with their engine early Saturday morning and had got about one mile from the station when the coal rolled down on Mr. Robbs as he stooped to get a shovel full. One large piece fell on his head and inflicted a severe scalp wound. Mr. Thornburg backed up to the station and got another fireman. Mr. Robbs went to a doctor and it was found necessary to take several stitches in the wound. He has returned home and is getting along nicely.

OFFICIALS ON BRANCH.

O. W. General Manager and Party Tour Eastern Oregon Points.

For the purpose of conducting an inspection of company lines, J. P. O'Brien, vice president and general manager of the O. W. arrived last night and about 2 o'clock this morning left for Joseph. The special train was brought back to La Grande about noon and then started on the balance of the inspection. With the general manager to Joseph today were Superintendent Williams Boltons, Division Engineer Lyon and others.

REGISTRATIONS DRAGGING.

With but a few more days to register in—up to next Tuesday to be exact—registrations are dragging distressingly. The last week of open books prior to the primary sees a slight increase in number registering but it is trifling, and the same old story will prevail, no doubt, when the primary arrives. People who attend to their civic duties must be bothered and annoyed with delays resulting from confusion at the polls because citizens don't register. The registration booths are down town, easily reached, and still men and women—women especially—pass by the opportunity time and again.

COW SUSPENDS CHAPEL PRAYER

"OLD WILLAMETTE" ROSTRUM "DESECRATED."

Students at Salem Tie Jersey Cow to Rostrium and Milk Her.

Salem, April 13.—The presence of a Jersey cow on the Chapel rostrum of Willamette university this morning caused suspension of devotional exercises.

She was chained and locked fast. Students milked her.

A rule by the faculty that students are liable to dismissal for failure to attend chapel has probably caused the prank.

Democratic Factions Endorse Wilson.

New York, April 13.—Democrats representing different factions are expected to pledge their support to the policies of President Wilson at the annual Jeffersonian dinner given tonight at the Waldorf-Astoria by the National Democratic club. The dinner, characterized in the announcement as a "harmony feast," will have among its chief guests Attorney General Thomas W. Gregory, Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, and Senator Jas. Phelan, of California. They and other leaders of the party will deliver speeches. The committee in charge of the arrangements includes John W. Keller, chairman, Thomas E. Rush, surveyor of the port; Stuart G. Gibbons, Thomas G. Smith, secretary of Tammany hall, Henry M. Oldfogel, formerly Representative in Congress; William A. Clark, one-time United States Senator from Montana.

FUHER SELLS FARM

Cecil Cates the Purchaser and Fuher Goes to Idaho

E. Fuher, who owned one of the best improved farms in the valley sold it this week to Cecil Cates, who has been renting the B. F. Reasoner farm near Alicel for several years.

Mr. Fuher has purchased property in Idaho and expects to move there within the next few days. This farm was listed with the Geo. H. Currey Real estate agency.

Talk Cannery Tonight

At Commercial club meeting this evening in the Y. M. C. A., when various important matters will come up, the proposed canning club will be among the matters talked of.

SOUTH LA GRANDE SEWER TO BE PUT IN THIS YEAR

Definite plans to construct for objectors on South Fourth street, claiming that the paving had not benefited, but rather injured, the property there. Turner Oliver, leader of the objectors to paying the paving costs, conducted the hearing for his side. Witnesses were sworn. While the matter was gone over in some detail no final conclusion was reached by the commission and the hearing was continued one week.

The ditch leading from the city disposal tank was ordered cleaned out and two men will be assigned to that duty.

BAD WEATHER CHECKS BLOW UPON VERDUN

SUCH IS REASON GIVEN BY GERMANS FOR EASIER TONE IN BATTLE.

FRENCH REPULSE STRONG ATTACKS AT HILL NO. 34

Important Key to Verdun Stands Intact After Blows Which Constituted Chief Work of the Night and Early Morning—Cross Fire Works Have With Germans Who Lead Attack.

Berlin, April 13.—Bad weather prevented renewal of infantry attacks on Verdun last night, it is officially announced. Artillery was active on both banks of the Meuse and on Woerwre Plain. Southeast of Albert Germans raided the British trenches, capturing seventeen prisoners and North-east of Compeign a French gas attack failed.

Paris, April 13.—Germans launched frontal attacks on Hill 34 last night but a curtain of fire halted it. This is the contention of a communique today. This point is an important key to the northwest portal of Verdun. Emerging from Malancourt Woods, the Germans found themselves under a cross fire. Only a few succeeded in leaving their trenches. Elsewhere the night was calm.

Reinforcements Coming Up
Aviators have reported heavy German reinforcements marching to Verdun, apparently intent on another smash from the west of the Meuse. Some divisions are reported to have been transferred from the Russian front.

Two Ships Sunk Today.
London, April 13.—The British steamers Robert Adamson and Angus have been torpedoed. The crew of the Adamson landed. The Angus, destroyed Mediterranean, unarmed.

MANY SHIPS BUILDING

San Francisco and Portland Yards Contract For Ships
San Francisco, April 13.—With eighteen ships already under construction the Union Iron Works today signed a contract with the Standard Oil for construction of three more oil tankers at a cost of a million and half each.

Portland, April 13.—It is announced two 8500-ton steamers will be constructed here for the Lauritz Kloster, Norway company at a cost of \$950,000 each.

MINING CASE ON

A. J. Steward Pushing Case Against Up River Mining Company

Circuit court is concerned today with the trial of A. J. Steward against the Camp Carson Mining & Power company. The litigation hinges on some claims.

Oregon Pioneer Dead

Seattle, April 13.—Jane Chadwick, widow of former Governor Chadwick of Oregon, died at the home of her daughter today, aged eighty-three.

SINGER AND HUSBAND ACCUSED OF PLOT.



Captain Hans Tauscher.

Captain Hans Tauscher, known to fame as the husband of Mme. Gadski, the famous opera singer, has been held by the Federal Court in heavy bail on the charge that he was in a conspiracy to blow up the Welland Canal in the interest of Germany and thus hinder the movement of Canadian freight and soldiers in the war. He has been an active pro-German during the war.

LA GRANDE MAN IS NAMED DELEGATE

J. T. WILLIAMSON TO ATTEND ATLANTIC CITY CONCLAVE.

Mrs. J. K. Wright Honored by Presbyterial in Session at Baker Last Night.

Baker, April 13.—(Special)—The semi-annual meeting of the Grande Ronde Presbyterial and Presbyterial in this city came to a close last evening. A business session was scheduled for this morning, but an extra session was held last evening and the business of the meeting concluded.

The meeting of the Presbyterial yesterday morning was devoted to routine business, hearing the reports of committees, etc. The morning devotional was led by Rev. Gustav Winters of Sumpter. The afternoon session was opened with devotion led by Rev. S. L. Clark of Juntura. After the election of officers the delegates enjoyed an auto ride about the city, preceding the banquet in the church parlors at 5:30.

In the evening the Presbyterial delegates were present at a session of the Presbyterial. Mrs. C. W. Hays of Portland spoke on the subject "A Survey of Our Responsibilities." Mrs. J. W. Aldrich of La Grande was the other speaker, her subject being "The Problems of America." A solo by Mrs. A. C. Strange and other music completed the evening program.

The Presbyterial session yesterday morning was opened by Mrs. S. F. Foster of Nyssa, and the reports of the various Presbyterial organizations were made by Mrs. A. Anderson, Mrs. Thomas Baird, Mrs. Lee Bell, Mrs. George Baker and Mrs. E. A. Stevenson.

The afternoon program was carried out as follows:

Praise Service—Mrs. J. K. Wright. Greeting—Mrs. H. A. Scumie. Response—Mrs. H. A. Brown. Address—Mrs. J. W. Aldrich. Solo—Mrs. Lamb. Methods of Giving—Mrs. A. C. Voelker.

Address—Mrs. E. P. Mossman. Election of Officers. Report of Secretary.

Rev. D. K. Lourie of Baker, the hold-over moderator of the Presbyterial, was elected as commissioner to the general assembly, which is to be held at Atlantic City, N. J., next month, and J. T. Williamson of La Grande was elected lay delegate.

As the result of the election the present officers of the Presbyterial are: Moderator—Rev. D. K. Laurie, Baker. Stated Clerk—Rev. Wm. Baird, Baker. Temporary Clerks—Rev. Gustav Winters, Sumpter, and A. M. Byrd of Juntura.

The new officers of the Presbyterial are: President—Mrs. J. K. Wright, La Grande. First Vice President—Mrs. J. H. Donald, Baker. Second Vice President—Mrs. S. F. Foster, Nyssa. Secretary—Mrs. A. C. Voelker, Baker.

Corresponding secretary—Mrs. H. J. Ritter, La Grande. Secretary Westminister Guild—Miss Kate Schact, Baker. Secretary Christian Endeavor—Miss Snook, La Grande.

Ben Welch, G. A. R. Booster, Is Dead.

Newburytown, Mass., April 13.—When the Grand Army of the Republic goes into camp here next fall, one of its most gallant fighters will be among the missing, for Benjamin Welch, known to G. A. R. veterans throughout the country, is dead here from the effects of concussion of the brain. Welch served during the war in the famous Mozart regiment, and had the best record of his company. He was one of the most active and enthusiastic boosters for the coming encampment.



Mme. Gadski (Mrs. Hans Tauscher)

ASTOUNDING RESOURCES.

Uncle Sam's Reserves Exceeds Nearly All the Balance of Civilized World

Washington, D. C., April 12.—The United States' financial prosperity and strength is greater than ever and rising rapidly to new levels, according to the interpretation the comptroller of the currency put on figures announced today, showing National banks' condition March 7, the date of the last call. National banks' total resources are \$13,838,000,000, an increase of \$2,271,000,000 or 20 per cent within a year. Total deposits are \$10,790,000,000, an increase of \$2,198,000,000, or nearly 25 per cent within the year.

Loans and discounts increased \$999,000,000 within the year. Increased resources within the last 12 months alone exceed the entire resources of the German Reichbank. National banks exceed by three million dollars the aggregate resources of the bank of England, Bank of France, Bank of Russia, Reichbank of Germany, Bank of Netherlands, Swiss National bank and the Bank of Japan.

Farmers Will Build Elevator

Ione, Or., April 12.—The Farmers' union, of Ione, contemplates building a grain elevator with a capacity of 60,000 bushels. The farmers are very much enthused over the prospect of securing elevators, and expect to make them profitable.

Villa Bandit Wants to Be American

Deming, N. M., April 13.—Little Jesus Paes is at the hospital here with his left leg amputated at the hip. Today it was announced that he will have a new leg, the gift of Americans at Deming.

When Villa raided Columbus, Jesus was with his bandit father. He was told to hold his father's horse. The 12-year-old did so until an American bullet shattered his leg. As he dropped the Villa bandit turned and fled.

Jesus said today: "I thought Americans killed everybody they captured and I was afraid. I crawled away and hid in the brush. After a while a big soldier came and got me. He was good to me. They had to cut off my leg, but it didn't hurt much. Now I want to stay here and be a real American." Deming folk will give the boy a chance.

Senators Will Speak at Banquet.

Marion, O., April 13.—Senator Olie James of Kentucky, and Senator Atlee Pomerene of Ohio will speak at a Thomas Jefferson Birthday memorial banquet under the auspices of the Marion county Democratic committee, here tonight.

NEW EVIDENCE FOUND IN THE SUSSEX AFFAIR

FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS LIST OF SAILORS WHO WERE IN ATTACKING U-BOAT.

SETTLEMENT WILL BE TO SATISFACTION OF PEOPLE

French Government by Capture of Submarine Crew April 5 Gets Information About the Sussex Case—Claims to Have 13 Fragments of Torpedo Used—Kaiser Disclaims.

Washington, April 13.—The government will act in a manner entirely satisfactory to the people, an intimate friend of President Wilson declared today following publication of Germany's disclaimer to the Sussex attack. The fact that Germany admits attacking a vessel near where the Sussex was damaged, is held to strengthen the administration's position, though the kaiser has asserted it was a mineslayer.

Kaiser Disclaims Blame.
Berlin, April 12.—Germany's reply to the American government's inquiries regarding the steamers Sussex, Manchester, Engineer, Berwindvale and Eagle Point has been forwarded to Washington by Ambassador Gerard. The note denies a German submarine attacked the Sussex. A German submarine sank a steamer in the channel on the date of the Sussex explosion, but the commander definitely concluded the vessel was a warship. A sketch of this vessel, together with photographic reproductions of the Sussex, are enclosed with the note, the difference in the two crafts being indicated.

German submarines sank the vessels Englishman and Eagle Point after they attempted to escape. Time was allowed for the crews to leave the ships. A German submarine possibly sank the Berwindvale, concerning which definite details are lacking.

FRENCH HAVE EVIDENCE.

List of Sailors on the German Boat at the Time Obtained.

Paris, April 13.—It is officially claimed the French government has 13 fragments of the torpedo which struck the Sussex and also has the names of all sailors aboard the attacking submarine. This information was obtained from the crew of the submarine which was captured April 5th.

COL. IVANHOE FILES

Is Candidate for Presidential Election As a Republican

Salem, April 13.—Francis S. Ivanhoe, of La Grande, has filed his declaration for Republican election. Although electors have nothing to do with nominating a candidate, such as delegates to the national conventions have, he nevertheless says that his personal choice is Justice Charles E. Hughes. Ivanhoe makes the fourth candidate for elector.

Will Vote for Mrs. Evans.

Portland, Ore., April 13.—The 40 Oregon delegates to the biennial session of the General Federation of Women's clubs in New York May 22 will be instructed to vote for Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles of Los Angeles for the federation presidency. Other western delegates are expected to vote for her, also. Mrs. Cowles, they argue, gave up her aspirations for the presidency two years ago that California might be designated the last meeting place. There will be 30,000 delegates representing 2,000,000 women at the big convention. Mrs. Chas. H. Castner of Hood River, president of the state organization, and Mrs. J. A. Pettit, general secretary, are delegates. The state federation has selected other delegates as follows: Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, Mrs. J. W. Tiff, Mrs. Jewel Bruce, Mrs. L. H. Addison and Mrs. John McRobert of Portland; Mrs. Gardner M. Thayer of Oswego and Mrs. W. T. Reeves of Stanfield.

RENOVATING STORE WINDOW

Golden Rule Company Will Have Improved Fronts Soon.

Considerable changes, looking toward improved and more attractive show windows in the hardware department, have been begun by the Golden Rule company. The changes involve slight changes in partitions between the two principal departments.